^|*th April* INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE FLEET

It is ordained *by* the two generals that certain articles for the discipline of the fleet shall be read openly at service twice a week Prayers are to be had twice a day, ezcept urgent cause enforce the contrary, and no man shall dispute of matters of religion, unless to be resolved of some doubts, when he shall confer with the minister of the aimy , as it is not fit that unlearned men should openly argue of such high and mystical matters Swearing, brawling and dicing are forbidden as they breed contentions and discords , picking and stealing shall be severely punished Great care to be taken to preserve victuals, and every captain shall receive an account once a week how his victuals are spent, and what remains Special charges shall be given for the avoiding danger by fire, and no candle to be earned without a lantern The powder to be carefully preserved from spoil and waste, as without it there cannot be any great service, and care also taken not to bear too high a sail when going by the wind, and especially in a high sea, lest the spoil of masts endanger the enterprise No spoil is to be made of any prizes, and whoever goes on board one to give an account for anything taken No person shall land in any country without orders until his return to England upon pain of death No person to strike any superior officer upon pain of death, nor any inferior under other severe punishment, and no report to be made which touches the reputation of any officer without producing the author, who will also be severely punished

25*^ *April* SIR ANTHONY SHIRLEY'S VOYAGE

Sir Antony Shirley departed from Southampton

two days since with nine ships and a galley, being the *Bemce,* admiral, 300 tons, the *Galleon,* vice-admiral, 240 tons, the *George,* rear-admiral, 160 tons, the *Archangel,* 250 tons, the *Swan,* 200 tons, the *George Noble,* 140 tons , the *Wolf,* 70 tons, the *Mermaid,* 120 tons , the *Little John,* 40 tons , together with the galley and a pinnace , all of which ships are furnished for ten months, and manned with soldiers and sailors, exceedingly well appointed, to the full number of 900 men